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right said it in Mr Fraser's presence. Witness I absolutely deny that anything was said about the defendant having been given a hiding. Mr Farmer then said he did not want any more about it; that he would not be present when the court would hear any more about the matter. Our party went away. We left the man in Mr Farmer's hands. We thought Mr Farmer would do what he said; I committed to Mr Farmer that the defendant would not do what he was told and threatened to do. I was not present when at the end of the day he was taken to the cell at which we had put him in the bow of the ship and take charge of it ourselves. Q—What did Mr Fraser say next?—He said he had come to me at the office. He said he had not come from Mr Durabine—as to the evidence I was not to try to settle the matter in private way. He said Mr Durabine wanted it settled. Mr Dennis objected to the drift of this evidence. The Court had nothing to do

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